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TRA Appoints New Members to Serve on Advisory Committee

The Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA) today appointed four new members to the Telecommunications Devices Access Program (TDAP) advisory committee.

The program, which was created by the Tennessee General Assembly in 1999, distributes specialized telephone equipment to individuals who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, hearing and vision impaired, and speech impaired.

The committee, on which its members serve on a volunteer basis, provides input and information on equipment, service ability, maintenance problems and general consumer information on how the TDAP program is working.

"The role that the members play on this worthwhile committee will ensure that the Telecommunications Devices Access Program continues to meet the needs of its intended recipients," says Lewis DeBoard, Program Director for the Telecommunications Devices Access Program. "We are certainly grateful for their willingness to serve."

The advisory committee is made up of representatives from across Tennessee. Those appointed today included Kenneth Tedford of Johnson City, Lordy Smith of Memphis, Ronnie Mills of Old Hickory, and Wilma Wilson of Donalson, Tennessee.

To date, the program has distributed approximately 2,000 assistive communications devices statewide. For more information about the TDAP, contact the TRA at (615) 741-2904 Ext. 179, 161, or 206, (TTY) 1-888-276-0677, or visit the TRA web site at www.state.tn.us/tra.

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